



Proclamation

WHEREAS: one of the basic aims of the Veterans of Foreign Wars as set forth in its Congressional Charter is "to foster true patriotism"; and

WHEREAS: the Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary, has proved to be an effective instrument for putting these words into action; and

WHEREAS: the Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program, in this its 28th year, provides an opportunity for high school students to think, write and speak up for freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS: this year's theme, "My Responsibility as a Citizen" focuses the attention of youth on the obligations of citizenship and calls for a personal evaluation of youth's role in preserving the strength, unity and spirit of our great nation; and

WHEREAS: an active dedicated and resourceful citizenry is vital to the preservation of freedom in these times when pressures are being exerted from many sides to weaken, divide and demoralize our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim December 1 - 10, 1974 as

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WEEK

in Minnesota and in observance thereof, I do hereby commend the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary for their sponsorship of the 28th annual Voice of Democracy Program and I call upon 10th, 11th and 12th grade students in our schools to address themselves to their "Responsibility as a Citizen."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four and of the State the one hundred and sixteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson

GOVERNOR

Arden J. Erdahl

SECRETARY OF STATE

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